

URGE 20,000 COPS FOR HOME DEFENSE

Committeemen Indorse Plan
for Adequate Guard in
Case of War

FOR PLATOON SYSTEM

Scheme Worked Out by Board
Headed by A. J. Drexel Bid-
dle—Called Reservists

A plan to organize a force of 20,000 extra policemen as a home guard in the event of war was indorsed this afternoon at a conference of the executive committee of the home defense committee.

These extra policemen will be known as reservists and they will be recruited from men more than thirty-five years old and those too young to qualify for the army or navy. The reservists will be divided into three platoons, each platoon to take turns in doing guard duty. The platoon system will give business men and other workers an opportunity to perform home guard duty without interference with their business. The plans for the home guard were reported to the general committee by A. J. Drexel Biddle, chairman of the reserve committee. Members of the general committee gave unanimous indorsement to the plans.

Members of the force will be enrolled and listed at the police stations nearest their homes. The guard will be uniformed differently from the regular force and will be rushed to any part of the city where trouble may occur.

The plans, which are still tentative, include mobilization of trucks and automobiles which will transport the police troops to any section in which there might be an outbreak.

It is probable that the younger members of the regular police force, in view of their training, will be assigned to join the regular army or national guard units.

There will be no general or colonels in the home guard, which will probably be under the direction of regular army officers at the various stations.

The conference was attended by George Wharton Pepper, Mayor Smith and others.

SIX CELLARS RAIDED BY GAS METER THIEVES

Dog's Barking Finally Calls Police,
Who Fail to Capture
Burglars

Six meter thieves—six of them—began at Nineteenth and Harlan streets last night and working up to Twentieth street, succeeded in breaking into six cellars and wrenching the coin boxes from six meters before a barking dog brought several policemen, who chased them away. The police are still hunting for the thieves.

The houses robbed were those of Harry Dinger, 1918 Harlan street; Joseph Lyman, 1916 Harlan street; Mrs. John Crox, 1912 Harlan street; Miss Annie O'Leary, 1922 Harlan street; Mrs. Albert Maxwell, 1924 Harlan street, and Mrs. George Glasgow, 1926 Harlan street. It was in the last cellar that the dog gave the alarm. Policemen Schneider, Kenney and Parsons replied. The thieves disappeared down Twentieth street.

SUES WAITRESS FOR DIVORCE

Thomas A. McKay Also Enters Action
Against Her Alleged Com-
panion

A divorce suit against his wife and a damage suit against her alleged companion was instituted today in Common Pleas Court No. 1 by Thomas A. McKay, of Belmont terrace near Fifty-eighth street. James E. Shea, a salesman, of Boston, named as correspondent, was arrested with the wife, Mrs. Alice McKay, last Monday in a downtown apartment, according to Lawrence C. Hickman, McKay's counsel, and held in \$500 bail. Judge Patterson today issued a capias for Shea's arrest in the damage suit, fixing bail at \$500. Mrs. McKay left her husband about a week ago, it is said, and obtained employment as a waitress in a Chestnut street restaurant, where, it is said, she met Shea. The McKays have been married four years and have no children.

GERMAN HOSPITAL DENIES ANY CHANGE IN ITS NAME

Removal of Word "German" Also
Scouted by Official of German-
American Bank

Recent rumors to the effect that the German Hospital management was about to change the name of the institution on account of the excessively strained relations between this country and the fatherland were said to be entirely unfounded today by the hospital superintendent, Dr. Henry E. Page. No action has been taken by the board of trustees, he said, nor does he know of any official discussion of a change from the name of "German."

Similar rumors regarding the German-American Title and Trust Company, Broad and Arch streets, were scouted as being imaginary by the president, Henry Bain, Jr. Nothing has been done by the directors, nor has there been any contemplation of dispensing with the word "German" in the title of the company, said Mr. Bain. The institution is not controlled exclusively by German-American capital and its business is not confined by any means to the hyphenated population, he declared.

BAKER CANNOT ACCEPT ROOSEVELT'S DIVISION

Only Act of Congress Could Make Use
Possible—Colonel Is
Silent

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The offer of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to raise and command a division to be sent to the battlefront in France cannot be accepted by the War Department, it was learned today. The only way in which the division could be accepted is through a special act of Congress.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was informed over the long-distance telephone at his home at Oyster Bay today that officials at Washington had held that his offer could not be accepted.

"Is that so?" said the Colonel. "Well, I have nothing to say."

RUTH LAW WOULD JOIN AMERICAN AERO CORPS

Champion Woman Aviator, Back From
France, Also Offers Police
Dog's Services

NEW YORK, April 4.—The United States can have the services of the world's premier woman aviator if they are desired. Miss Ruth Law (in private life Mrs. Charles Oliver), who flew from Chicago to New York, declared upon her arrival here today from France that she would enlist in the aviation corps if she could.

Miss Law spent two months in France and was taken to different places on the fighting front. She tried a Moraine machine herself. "And I never flew so fast in my life," she said today.

Miss Law brought back a French police dog and his services too are offered.

PASTOR ENLISTS AT 96 IN OCEAN GROVE GUARDS

83-Year-Old Veteran of Civil War Also
Joins Minute Men

ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 4.—The Rev. Dr. Aaron E. Ballard, president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, who was ninety-six years old last Christmas, has enlisted in a company of minute men organized in Ocean Grove for home defense.

Major John C. Patterson, eighty-three years old, a veteran of the Civil War, is also a member. The company has a strength of 150, its members ranging in age from eighteen to ninety-six. They are being drilled with night sticks as weapons.

Uncle Sam Wants an Editor

The United States Government wants an editor. A civil service examination for this job, which pays from \$1200 to \$1600 a year, will be held at the Federal Building on April 18. The requirements for the position are statistical calculation, editorial work, copy reading and experience. The man will be known as an editorial clerk of the Bureau of Domestic Commerce in the Federal Department of Commerce.

SAMUEL KAYSER DIES OF APOPLECTIC STROKE

Member of Wallpaper and Paint-
ing Firm Succumbs After
Brief Illness



SAMUEL KAYSER

Samuel Kayser, senior member of the wallpaper and painting firm of Kayser & Altman, died early today at his home, 3214 North Twenty-first street, following a brief illness. Mr. Kayser was stricken with apoplexy last Friday, and died without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Kayser was born in Philadelphia seventy-five years ago. He was educated in the public schools and later established himself in business in Minneapolis. Thirty-five years ago he returned to Philadelphia and became connected with the firm of Kayser & Altman, organized by a brother.

He was well known in fraternal circles, having been a member of the Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, F. and A. M.; Philadelphia B. P. O. E. No. 2; the Odd Fellows, Atlantic City Tail Co. and the Mercantile Club. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at his late residence. Rabbi Henry Berkowitz will officiate. Interment, following cremation, will be in Harrogate Cemetery.

MAN SHOT AND KILLED BY ANGRY HUSBAND

Lawrence Adams Dead From
Bullet Fired by Albert Hencke.
Companion Escapes

Gloucester was aroused today by the killing of one man in a saloon and the chase of the alleged murderer after another man. The chase lasted five blocks, but the second chosen victim escaped.

Lawrence Adams, thirty-two years old, of Paulsboro, N. J., was shot and killed, the police say, by Albert Hencke twenty-eight years old, a wharf worker living at Ninth and Charles streets, Gloucester.

Willard Wilson, twenty-one years old, of Gibbstown, N. J., was the man who escaped from a fate similar to Adams's.

Wilson is a pipefitter at the Gibbstown plant of the du Pont's, as was Adams. Both men came to Gloucester today on a motorcycle and were found by Hankey in Pickett's saloon at Burlington and Ridge-way streets.

According to Wilson, Hankey entered and said to Adams:

"I've got you now."

Then he fired three times, Wilson said, and Adams fell dead, one of the bullets striking the heart.

He turned to Wilson, according to the latter, and said, "I'll get you, too," but by then Wilson was hotfooting it up to King street.

Hankey, the police say, told them when he got to jail that last Monday night he saw Wilson and Adams with his wife.

While Wilson was racing up King street Hencke was in hard pursuit. After running five blocks Wilson raced into the Moskowitz store, ran all the way through, leaped through a closed window, severely cutting himself, and then into the home of Jacob Spencer, where he begged to be protected.

Hencke had been fooled and went on up to the saloon of Thomas Wilson, no relative of Willard Wilson. There Chief of Police Van Meter arrested him without any resistance on Hencke's part.

Detectives Doran, Levine and Gibbon to make an investigation. They say that Hencke purchased his revolver yesterday in Gloucester. This was the morning after it is said he saw his wife with Adams and Wilson.

Hencke will be charged with murder.

Wilson is being held as a material witness. Adams's body will be sent to Paulsboro.

After his arrest, Hencke, the police say, told them that two months ago he shot Adams when he found him with his wife. Adams, he said, was only slightly injured that time and the affair never became known. Mrs. Hencke has not been home since Monday night, he told the police, and at that time he saw her with Adams and Wilson.

Coroner Pratt, who is investigating the shooting, found that only one bullet entered Adams's body. One of the other bullets was found in the wall near the scene of the shooting. The third has not been found.

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